

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 29, with the following amended paragraph:

Now, it has been found, and this forms the subject of the invention, that it was possible to achieve not only a perfect opening of the bundle of extruded filaments at the outlet of the drawing slot, but also a very homogeneous distribution over the receiving belt. This is achieved, ~~one~~ on the one hand, by separating the assembly for opening the bundle of filaments from the actual drawing slot, and on the other hand, and above all, by designing this opening assembly such that it combines both the advantages of the techniques of electrostatically charging the filaments and the techniques of opening the bundle by slowing down the air speed at the drawing-slot outlet, and thus the speed of the filaments before reception on the receiving belt.